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RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE MITRA SHCEME
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Protection Force Mitra Scheme intended to involve the individual in boosting the safety and security of the Indian Railways, is still a distant dream from achieving its core objectives;

(b) if so, whether the welfare part of the scheme has helped the RPF reunite around 100 missing children with their parents, with the help from NGOs;

(c) whether people who frequently use the railway facilities have been associated with it in a special way are selected by the different zones;

(d) if so, to what extent this scheme has so far been helpful and beneficial; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to publicise the objectives and benefits of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir. The Railway Protection Force Mitra Yojana has been launched over Indian Railways and efforts are continued to involve Railway passengers in controlling criminal activities on Railways.

(b): Yes, Sir. Hundreds of missing children have been rescued from various Railway stations and restored to their parents with the help of NGOs.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Railway passengers / public who have been helped by RPF at some point of time are being identified and enlisted in the scheme. In addition, more categories of persons / organizations like NGOs are also being enlisted in the scheme over various Zonal Railways. Positive response is being received from such persons / NGOs at various levels in achieving the objectives of the scheme.

(e): Wide publicity is being given by distributing brochures amongst the beneficiaries / public, duly incorporating the objectives of the scheme and organizing periodical meetings between beneficiaries / persons / NGOs, included in the scheme.